NTC mills closed in Tamil Nadu

323. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of textile mills under NTC/subsidiaries of NTC closed down in Tamil Nadu so far;

(b) the reasons for their closure;

(c) whether the Governmment have plans for reviving some closed/sick mills in the country; and

(d) if so, the mills proposed to be revived in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Out of the 13 NTC mills in Tamil Nadu,5 chronically sick mills, namely; Balaramvarma, Krishnaveni, Om Parasakthi, Somasundaram and Kaleeswara 'A' mills found to be unviable as per the Techno Economic Viability Study done by the South India Textile Research Association (SITRA), have been closed after giving VRS to the affected employees.

(c) and (d) It is proposed to modernize the mills found to be potentially viable, subject to availability of funds from sales of surplus assets. The following 6 mills are taken up for modernization in the 1st phase:-

1. Cambodia Mills
2. Coimbatore Murugan Mills
3. Pankaja Mills
4. Pioneer Spinner Mills
5. Sri Rangavilas S and W Mills
6. Kaleeswar Mills 'B' Unit

Revival of sick mills

324. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick textile mills at present and the number of them referred to BIFR;

(b) whether Government propose to revive these mills via joint venture;